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For: BRIQUETTE FOR USE AS STEELMAKING

MATERIAL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents: P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008, the period for reply having been extended through January 21, 2009 (January 18, 2009 being a Sunday, January 19th and January 20th, 2009, being federal holidays), with a petition for one (1) month extension filed herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.